IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER ADOPTING HURRICANE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The court's Continuity of Operations Plan ("COOP") is AMENDED as follows¹:

Section One: Concept of Operations

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Prior Warning

In some cases the court may receive a warning at least a few hours prior to an event, e.g., hurricane, flood. This will normally enable the full execution of this plan with a complete and orderly alert, notification, and relocation of designated judges and court personnel.

Hurricane Evacuation Procedure - Beaumont Division

Beaumont court facilities generally will be evacuated when local officials recommend evacuation of the Beaumont area because of a hurricane. The chief judge or his designee will make the final decision as to when to evacuate, and the U.S. Marshal will ensure that the evacuation is expeditious and orderly.

Signed this 17th day of May, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

THAD HEARTENELD

Chief Judge

¹New language appears in <u>underlined</u> text.